(b) if so, the financial assistance sought during the year 2005 and the amount sanctioned/released till date; and

(c) the remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to develop Mumbai to the required standard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of Maharashtra sought financial assistance for upgcadation of storm water drainage network in Mumbai under the proposed National Urban Renewal Mission (NURM) for select cities. The estimated cost of the project is stated to be Rs. 1200 crore.

NURM is yet to be approved by the Central Government. The proposal would be examined as per the guidelines that may be issued under the proposed NURM.

Rs. 36.33 crore has, however, been earmarked for development of urban infrastructure during 2005-06 for Mumbai Mega City under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Infrastructure Development in Mega Cities.

(c) Urban Development is a State subject. It is, therefore, for the State Government to take appropriate action. However, the State can avail Central assistance under National Urban Renewal Mission after the same is established for development of infrastructure in Mumbai.

Encroachment and subletting of Government quarters

2796. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special drive is being contemplated to ascertain the extent of unauthorized construction/encroachment of premises of Government quarters and subletting in Delhi, keeping in view the long waiting list for allotment of Government quarters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, by when Government would launch such a drive to ascertain the wide spread unauthorized construction in Government quarters in Albert Square, Gole Market etc.;

(d) the measures being contemplated to dissuade occupants from such unauthorised constructions; and

(e) the measures taken to increase the availability of Government quarters particularly in Type-IV and below, allotment of which is decided by the date of entry in service and not by a prescribed scale of pay?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir. However, detection of unauthorized construction and subletting in Government accommodation is an ongoing process and inspections are conducted regularly.

(b) A total of 231 inspections were conducted to detect subletting in Government quarters in different colonies in Delhi from January, 2005 to June, 2005.

(c) and (d) As per provisions of Allotment of Government Residences (General Pool in Delhi) Rules, 1963, if an allottee to whom a residence has been allotted, resorts to unauthorised construction/ encroachment in any part of the residence, the allotment of the residence is cancelled without prejudice to any disciplinary action that may be taken against him. However, action against the defaulting allottees has been kept in abeyance pending formulation of policy in this regard.

(e) 48 Type III units are under construction. Construction of 1730 units of Type I to Type IV in Delhi is at planning stage.

Use of VSNL land

2797. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land of VSNL complex in Chhatarpur, New Delhi has been earmarked for institutional use as per Government notification;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the use to which the VSNL land is being put to presently;

(d) whether it has come to Government's notice that the land is